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West Nile Virus Update #4 **August 3, 2004**

Note to news editors and reporters: This is a weekly media advisory to provide updated information about West Nile virus activity in North Dakota. Updates will be sent every Tuesday afternoon throughout the WNV season.

BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota Department of Health today reported that two additional West Nile virus positive birds were identified this past week. This brings the statewide total to one human and 28 birds identified with West Nile virus infection.

The following is a summary of West Nile virus activity to date:

- Human cases – 1
 - Total tests conducted – 482
 - Counties: Mercer
- WNV-positive dead birds – 11
 - Total dead birds tested – 341
 - Counties: Bowman, Burleigh, Cass and Williams
- WNV-positive live birds – 17
 - Total live birds tested – 260
 - Counties: Billings, Divide, Golden Valley, Grant and Hettinger
- WNV-positive horses – 0
 - Total horses tested – 34

For more information, including a fact sheet about personal protection recommendations, visit the North Dakota West Nile virus website at www.ndwnv.com

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